
STRATEGIC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT SCHEME

ISSUE

To remind staff of the Strategic Research Fellowship Support Schemes for 2008 and beyond.

BACKGROUND

Under the Strategic Research Fellowship Support Scheme, the University has the following two initiatives:

1. **Bridging Support Fellowships** – these are for those researchers who have been awarded an ARC/NHMRC research grant but do not have salary support. The Fellowship will generally run for the duration of the research grant.
2. **Safety Net Support Fellowships** – these provide a fellowship support safety-net for researchers who are coming off an ARC/NHMRC research fellowship. Support is limited to 1 year (beyond the term of a 3-year Fellowship) or 2 years (beyond the term of a 5-year Fellowship). During the tenure of the safety-net support, recipients must actively seek further fellowship funding (through the ARC, NHMRC or other sources). Note that for those holding 5-year ARC/NHMRC fellowships, this effectively guarantees them 2 extra years of fellowship support at UNSW.

For both Fellowships, the University provides from central funds 50% of the researcher's payroll costs (including oncosts). The remaining 50% is provided by the Faculty.

DISCUSSION

Both of these Fellowships are designed to support staff who have a strong research program at UNSW but do not have fellowship support. Any potential applicant for the above fellowships must have the strong support of the Dean of their Faculty and their School/Centre.

There is limited funding available for these fellowships so all nominations for these fellowships will be reviewed and assessed carefully.

RECOMMENDATION

Following the announcement of the ARC and NHMRC outcomes for 2008, Deans should identify staff within their Faculty who may be eligible for the above fellowships and provide the following to my office:

1. List of nominees for both Fellowships.
2. Letter of support confirming that the Faculty will contribute 50% of payroll costs should the nominee be awarded a Fellowship.
3. Details of each nominee's research program and the benefits provided to UNSW.

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